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SUBJECT: STUDENT STRIKE

REF: NIAMEY 3254 AND 3264

1. STRIKE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CONTINUING INTO SECOND WEEK. STUDENTS FROM MARADI, ZINDER AND TILLABERY HAVE COME TO NIAMEY TO SUPPORT COLLEAGUES. LYCEE NATIONAL AND COLLEGE MARIAMA CLOSED, WHILE LYCEE DE JUENES FILLES AND TWO CEG'S HAVE ABSENTEE RATES AROUND 30 PERCENT. CLASHES BETWEEN ROCK THROWING STUDENTS AND BATON AND WHIP WIELDING SOLDIERS HAVE RESULTED IN NUMEROUS INJURIES BUT SO FAR NONE SERIOUS ON EITHER SIDE. ACCORDING POLICE SOURCES, THEY HOLDING IN SECLUSION AT LEAST SEVEN STUDENTS WHOM THEY CALL "RING LEADERS".

2. COMMENT: RESOLUTION OF STRIKE DOES NOT APPEAR IMMINENT. GON AS YET SEEMS UNWILLING TO BEND ON BOARDING FACILITIES AND STIPEND ISSUE AND STUDENTS SEEM EQUALLY DETERMINED NOT RETURN TO CLASSES UNTIL BOARDING FACILITIES REINSTATED OR STIPEND INCREASED.

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